from it leading into a stairwell. The "X" was probably drawn by Daniel Clark to indicate the location of the cook, Dora McIlroy's room on the floor below. The line would then indicate the route of Alice Bedson and Owen McIlroy, into the stairwell where he was alleged to have assaulted her. Finding it now is rather like looking for buried treasure, and stumbling instead upon the plans for how it was stolen.

Alice appears to have been committed under a Lieutenant-Governor's Warrant. On her "Schedule 2" form her "insanity," which seems to have manifested itself in "uncontrollable" behaviour, including an attempt to drown herself in the bay, is attributed to "menstral" [sic] difficulties. She is supposed to have been insane for about four years, although she was previously temperate and industrious, etc. When the form was completed in 1883 she was twenty-one years old.

The first doctor to examine her in gaol indicates that she had more than once attempted to drown herself in the bay, that she talked "in an excited manner," and was restless. She wandered about the gaol and laughed "foolishly." She had evidently been interested in the doctor's scarf pin, and had tried to remove it. While the second doctor agrees that Alice was "garrulous," he asserts that she had a good memory and spoke "connectedly." This doctor evidently solicited more personal information than the first, and records that Alice had told him that she had been abused by her parents on account of a fortune which had been left her by will. She had been removed from the river on Saturday or Sunday, where she said she had been bathing; she explained that she had not removed her clothing out of modesty: "She says she went in up to her neck and then ducked her head under the water for a bath."

Such information could not have helped her case against McIlroy. Though Clark would have known as much, he might have been forced to mention Alice's alleged "erotomania" as a kind of forestalling action, or as an explanation of Alice's still being confined in January of 1886 and a rebuttal of the charge that she was insane at the time of the alleged rape: she was "kept in the institution longer perhaps than was absolutely necessary, for fear that she should get into bad company." Finally, he might have mentioned it simply because it had already been alluded to in Alice's file.